



Campus News

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KOLO EMERGES NEW REGISTRAR

The Governing Council of the Federal University of Technology, Minna has approved the appointment of Mr. Amos Nmadu Kolo as the new Registrar of the institution.

The appointment, which is with effect from June 12, 2018 is for a period of five years was conveyed in a letter signed by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, *fsssn*, following Council's approval at its 130th (Special) meeting held today at the Main Campus of the University.

Mr. Kolo who is presently a Deputy Registrar and Secretary, Postgraduate School will be the 6th substantive Registrar of the



Registrar designate, Mr. Amos N. Kolo

institution as he succeeds Mrs. Victoria Kolo whose tenure ends on June 11, 2018.

An indigene of Kpaki in Mokwa Local Government Area of Niger State, Kolo graduated from Bayero University, Kano with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science (Second Class Upper Division) in 1983 and obtained a Master's Degree in Public Administration from University of Ibadan in 1991.

He was born February 13, 1960 in Kpaki, he attended L.E.A Primary School, Kpaki between 1966 and 1973, Government Secondary School, Minna, 1973 – 1978 and Zungeru College of Advanced Studies, Bida, 1978 – 1980.

Mr. Kolo started his working career as a Range Management Assistant in the Niger State Ministry of Agriculture in 1978, serving as administrative head of Agaie Area Office.

He worked as an Administrative Officer, Personnel Department of the Directorate of Military Intelligence, Lagos during the mandatory National Youth Service from 1983 to 1984 after which he returned to Niger State and joined the Ministry of Education in 1984 as Education Officer VII and left in 1992 as

Education Officer V.

His career in the University started in 1992 when he was employed as an Assistant Registrar in the Academic Office. With hard work, dedication and perseverance, he rose through the ranks to attain the peak of his career.

In the last 26 years, he has also held the following positions in the University: Assistant Registrar, World Bank Project Implementation Unit (1993); Secretary, School of Science and Science Education (1993 -1994); Secretary, School of Engineering and Engineering Technology (1994 – 1999); Senior Assistant Registrar, Academic Office (1999 – 2004); Principal Assistant Registrar, Academic Office (2004 – 2008); Principal Assistant Registrar, Central Administration (2008 – 2009); Principal Assistant Registrar, Staff Training and Tenders Board (2009 -2012); Principal Assistant Registrar and Secretary, School of Engineering and Engineering Technology (2012); Principal Assistant Registrar, Vice-Chancellor's Office, 2012; Deputy Registrar, Vice-Chancellor's Office (2013 – 2014); Deputy Registrar, Establishment, (2014 – 2017). He has served in more than 40 committees in the University and has attended many training workshops and conferences within and outside the country.

A Fellow, of the Institute of Industrialists and Corporate Administrators (IICA), Mr. Kolo is also a member of Association of Nigerian University Professional Administrators (ANUPA) and an Associate Member of the Chartered Institute of Personnel Management (CIPM).

The in-coming Registrar is married and blessed with children and enjoys praying, singing and farming.

Meanwhile, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, *fsssn*, has presented the letter of appointment to the newly appointed Registrar of the University.

Speaking before presenting the letter of appointment to the Registrar-designate, Prof. Bala said the Governing Council of the University had found him worthy to be appointed as Registrar of the institution while advising him to be firm and assertive in the discharge of his responsibilities.

"As the Chief Administrative Officer of the University, all matters of discipline are under your office. For you to succeed, you must show personal example and provide leadership. Be firm and assertive so that the control of the Registry Department and the University will not slip from your hands. You must interpret the laws without sentiments. By the time you start selecting justice, there will be problem," Prof. Bala advised.

"Your other colleagues did very well just that we can only choose one person to be the Registrar. For you to succeed, you must also look for the best brains to work with," he stated.

Responding, the Registrar-designate, Mr. Kolo commended the University Council for finding him worthy to be the Registrar of the University, adding that he would not disappoint them.

"I have never thought that I will be in this kind of mood in my life. This is an honour and I appreciate the Council for entrusting me with this onerous task. I pray that God will assist and direct me in the discharge of my duties," Mr. Kolo said.

PROF BALA CALLS FOR DOMESTICATION OF SIWES TRAINING

The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, *fssn*, has called for the domestication of Students Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES) training for students across Nigerian Universities.



The Area Manager, ITF, Barr. Ihueze presenting souvenir to the VC during the courtesy visit

The Vice-Chancellor stated this when the Area Manager, Industrial Training Fund (ITF), Barr. (Mrs.) Ifeoma Ihueze paid him a courtesy visit on Monday, May 20, 2018 Conference Room, Main Campus.

Prof. Bala stated that the domestication of the SIWES training on campus would enable the University to monitor the students effectively during the period of the training and to ensure that they are exposed to the prerequisite practical aspects of their courses. He disclosed that some Schools in the University are already working towards domesticating their students SIWES programme.

"We are not happy with the kind of places that some of our students are doing their SIWES programmes. Sometimes you see students from the Department of Soil Science and Land Management doing SIWES in a bank," he stated.

The VC thanked the officials of ITF for finding time to visit him, adding that the University would continue to work with them towards ensuring that students of the institution get the much needed practical experience.

"FUT, Minna is a specialised University established to give effect to self-reliance in science and technology. We know that it is not just theory; we need to have good quality products and that is why SIWES is a component of the curriculum." the VC disclosed.

He assured the ITF boss of the University Management support and cooperation, saying that the University would also collaborate with them in the area of staff training.

Prof. Bala advised ITF to work out perfect modalities on prompt payment of students SIWES allowance and to look into how more courses would be accommodated under the SIWES programme.

Speaking earlier, Barr. (Mrs.) Ihueze expressed appreciation to the Vice-Chancellor for granting her

audience despite his busy schedule while noting that the purpose of her visit was to felicitate with Prof. Bala on his appointment as Vice-Chancellor of the University.

She informed the Vice-Chancellor that ITF has the capacity to train staff of the University.

SALES OF ONLINE POSTGRADUATE APPLICATION FORMS

The University community and the general public are hereby informed that the sales of Online Postgraduate application forms for admission into the 2018/2019 academic session has commenced.

Important Notice:

All applicants must possess the basic entry requirements in addition to five O' level credits, including English and Mathematics.

Interested applicants should visit the Federal University of Technology, Minna website: www.futminna.edu.ng for further details on entry requirements, purchase, filling and submission of the online forms.

Application Fee:

University charges an application fee of N10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Naira) only plus, N250.00 (Two Hundred and Fifty Naira) only Remita charges, making a total of N10,250.00 (Ten Thousand, Two Hundred and Fifty Naira) only payable online via Remita platform with the use of Master or Verve card through the School portal.

Closing Date:

Completed application forms must be submitted online through the University portal latest Friday, August 31, 2018. All necessary instructions on filling of forms must be adhered to and failure to do so is sufficient ground to disqualify an applicant.

APPOINTMENT

Sabbatical

The Vice-Chancellor has approved Sabbatical for **Prof. S. O. E. Sadiku**, Department of Water Resources, Aquaculture and Fisheries Technology tenable at the Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida University, Lapai for a period of one year, with effect from 2019/2020 Academic Session.

He has also approved the renewal of contract appointments of the following in the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council's Office for a period of two years each with effect from May 15, 2018:

1. Saidu Mohammed
2. Daniel Gonah
3. Yakubu Grace

INNOVATION: PROF AIBINU PRESENTS SUPER SIM, MOBILE WALKING STICK TO NCC

Prof. Abiodun Musa Aibinu, Head of Department, Mechatronics Engineering has presented and demonstrated two innovative research products – Mobile Communication Enabled Walking Stick (MCEWS) and Multiple Operators Enabled SIM(MOES)- to the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC).



Executive Commissioner, Engr. Ubale Maska and Prof. Aibinu (6th & 7th right) pose for a group photograph with other officials, researchers and the research products

The presentation of the products, which were the output of NCC-funded researches took place Tuesday, May 21, 2018 at NCC premises, Abuja.

Making the presentation, the lead researcher, Prof. Aibinu said the walking stick has mobile communication components, obstacle detection, phone call initiation to predefined caregivers or health centres, real-time transmission of vital signals to remote health workers, flash light, Bluetooth and battery charging system.

The Professor of Mechatronics Engineering explained that such a walking aid has become necessary as the challenges of modern day life increasingly make the aged and physically challenged remain alone at home without anyone to help them when they fall or have other emergency needs.

The MCEWS he explained, is to address the issue of increasing number of fall arising from attempts by aged and people with disability when they use their mobile phones while holding onto their walking stick.

He also explained that the MOES allows the subscriber access services from any available network with the use of a single phone with a single SIM slot.

Prof. Aibinu who is also the Director, of the University's Centre for Open Distance and e-Learning, (CODeL), disclosed that the work produced one International Scientific Indexing (ISI) publication, with four other publications under consideration as well as four MTech and 12 BTech projects, while this year, 10 other students are carrying out researches stemming from the project .

The researcher also disclosed that from the two NCC - funded projects, his team went further to develop five additional market-ready products - three different types of MOES, a tracking system using MOES card and fabrication of emergency phone call system MOES card.

He said they also produced three software - artificial

neural network for signal strength prediction, genetic algorithm based on hardware decision and SIM card profile programming algorithm amongst other things.

He described the MOES as a complete business solution, just as the walking stick has everything the user will need in future.

Prof Aibinu assured that the products will soon be ready to hit the market.

The multi-SIM is able to select any available network based on predetermined information.

NCC's Executive Commissioner, Technical Services, Engr. Ubale Maska who represented the Executive Vice-Chairman of the Commission, Prof. Umar Dambatta, expressed delight over the outcome. He said the Commission was impressed that students were actively involved in the research, a situation that gives hope for the future of research.

The diverse composition of the research team, Engr. Maska noted, is a demonstration of what we can do if we imbibe the culture of team work.

He commended the researchers for not just completing the project and even going beyond the scope.

The product demonstration involved the successful use of the Mobile Communication Enabled Walking Stick to detect obstacles and make calls to different numbers as well as network selection by the MOES.

The Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, *fssn*, was represented by the Deputy Director, Research, Innovation and Development, Engr. Prof. Moses Olutoye.

The MCEWS is a product of three million naira research grant of 2016, while the MOES is the outcome of a 2015 grant of about three million naira, both by the NCC.

LIST OF NEW ARRIVALS (JOURNALS)

| S/N | Title | Issue No | Publisher | Year of Publication | ISSN |
|-----|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------|
| 1 | Journal of Metallurgy & Engineering | Vol.7 No 1 Vol.2 No 2 | NMS | 2012 | 2006-1919 |
| 2 | Journal of Metallurgy & Engineering | Vol.8 Vol.9 | NMS | 2013 2014 | 2006-1919 |
| 3 | African Statistical Journal | Vol. 20 | ADBG | 2018 | 22332820 |

LIST OF NEW ARRIVALS (BOOKS)

| S/N | Author | Title | Publisher | Year of Publication | ISBN |
|-----|--------------|---|-----------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | Keimel, C | Design of Video Quality Metrics With Multi-Way Data Analysis A Data Driven Approach | Springer | 2016 | 978-981-10-0268-7 |
| 2 | Wolf, K | Grasp Interaction With Tables | Springer | 2015 | 978-3-319-13980-7 |
| 3 | Popovskoj, V | Control and Adaptation In Telecommunication Systems | Springer | 2015 | 978-3-642-20613-9 |
| 4 | Da Silva, M | Mimo Processing For 4G and Beyond Fundamentals and Evolution | CRC Press | 2014 | 978-1-4665-9807-2 |
| 5 | Murray, J | Sustainable Wireless Network-On-Chip Architectures | Elsevier | 2016 | 978-0-12-803625-9 |
| 6 | Douglass, B | Agile Systems Engineering | Elsevier | 2016 | 978-0-12-8021210-0 |

ENTREPRENEURSHIP CENTRE TRAINS AUTOMOBILE ARTISANS

In view of the need to enhance the knowledge of technicians in the automobile sector, the Entrepreneurship Centre, Federal University of Technology, Minna has organized a three weeks intensive training for members of the National Automobile Technicians Association (NATA), Niger State Chapter.



Principal Officers in a group photograph with the participants and some staff of the Centre

The training with the theme: **“Accelerate: Building Business From Science and Technology Management and Entrepreneurship for Automobile Technician,”** commenced on Friday, May 18, 2018 at the Entrepreneurship Centre, Main Campus.

In his opening address, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Abdulahi Bala, *fsssn*, said the Federal Government has encouraged skills development for students rather than concentrating on certificate and paper qualifications.

Prof. Bala commended the centre for the initiative to organize the training for the community which he said is in tandem with the University’s mandate which is to generate knowledge through research, disseminate knowledge by teaching and community service.

The VC said FUT, Minna has deliberately taken a decision that entrepreneurship and skills development should not be limited to the students alone but be extended to the people in the community.

He urged the participants to take the training seriously because according to him, knowledge is only wasted if they don’t know how to use it.

Delivering his goodwill message, the Executive Director, Rear Breeds Global Services Ltd, Alhaji Olaniyi Salako commended the University for organizing the training which would improve the level of education of artisans, adding that the training programme is very important and the first of its kind in the country and urged other universities in Nigeria to emulate FUT, Minna.

Alhaji Salako noted that most of the vehicles used now are electric, which require the use of computer to detect the fault and without the knowledge of a computer they wouldn’t be able to detect the faults.

In his remark, the Coordinator of the Centre, Dr. Olalekan Sakariyau explained that one of the mandate of the University is to assist the community in developing their skills and knowledge and with the support of NATA, it would have a positive impact on the economy.

Dr. Sakariyau added that after the opening ceremony, the training would be on weekends.

Giving his vote of thanks, the Secretary of NATA, Comrade Tunji Olarewaju, thanked the VC and his Management staff for organizing the training for them.

DEPLOYMENT

The Registrar has approved the deployment of the following Registry staff with effect from Wednesday, May 23, 2018.

| S/ | NAME | RAN | POST |
|----|------------------------|-----|---------------------|
| 1 | Sadiku Luqman Simpa | AA | Academic Office |
| 2 | Nwankpa Amarachi | AA | DRID |
| 3 | Demetrius Kolo Mamman | AA | Establishment |
| 4 | Abdullahi Yusuf | AA | Academic Office |
| 5 | Musa Musa Abba | AA | SERVICOM |
| 6 | Gana Solomon Kolo Yebo | AA | Establishment |
| 7 | Ekakitie Ogherneochuko | AA | Staff Training |
| 8 | Jeremiah Wazotah | AA | PGS |
| 9 | Zahradeen Kinana Musa | AA | PGS |
| 10 | Muhammed Aisha Tanko | AA | CPES |
| 11 | Abdullahi Yunusa | AA | PGS |
| 12 | Yisa Susan | AA | Academic Office |
| 13 | Salisu Zaidu | AA | Dean's Office, SEET |
| 14 | Armayau Ishaq | AA | Establishment |

UPGRADING

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the Upgrading of **Musa Imam Shekarau** of the University Library Services from Assistant Librarian to Librarian II, with effect from April 10, 2017.

NATIONAL HOUSING FUND PERSONAL DATA UPDATE

This is to inform all staff of the University, who are contributors to National Housing Fund that they are to visit Office of the Bursar, FUT, Minna to update their current personal data.

COUNSELLING TIP

For happy people, time is filled and planned. For unhappy people, time is unfilled, open and uncommitted. They postpone things and are inefficient.

Join the team of happy people by planning and making good use of the time, because the days are evil.

**Guidance and Counselling Unit,
Students' Affairs Division.**

SALE OF ADMISSION FORM

This is to inform the University community and the general public that the sale of admission forms into the nursery and primary one of FUT, Minna Staff School will commence on Monday, May 14, 2018 at the rate of Two Thousand Naira (N2,000:00) only.

Payment should be made at FUT, Minna Microfinance Bank.

SALES OF FUT, MINNA MULTIPURPOSE COOPERATIVE LOAN FORMS

This is to inform members of the above named Cooperative Society that the sale of loan forms will commence on Friday, June 1, 2018 to Thursday, June 7, 2018. Interested members can obtain the loan form from the following under listed staff between the hours of 10:00 am – 4:00 pm every day at the rate of N500.00 (Five Hundred Naira) only:

1. Mal. Mohammed M. Kodo, Establishment Unit, Senate Building, Gidan Kwano.
2. Mrs. Fati Musa Kolo, Room FF 13, New Agric Complex, SAAT, Gidan Kwano.
3. Mal. Hamidu Abdullahi, Microbiology Laboratory, Bosso Campus.
4. Mal. Mohammed Aliyu, Co-Operative Office, Bosso Campus.

Money Matters

Weekly Financial Digest (Monday, May 14, – Friday, May 18, 2018)

| S/N | RECEIPTS | ₦ |
|-----|---|----------------------|
| 1 | Clearance Fees | 3,000.00 |
| 2 | Collection of Certificate | 526,000.00 |
| 3 | Academic Transcript Fees | 190,000.00 |
| 4 | Semesterial Result | 1,500.00 |
| 5 | Turnintin | 16,000.00 |
| 6 | Penalty Fees of Late Submission of Gown | 1,000.00 |
| 7 | Proficiency in English | 4,000.00 |
| 8 | SIWES Log Book | 402,300.00 |
| 9 | Verification/Confirmation of Result | 14,000.00 |
| 10 | Hostel Fees | 81,000.00 |
| 11 | Farm Land | 2,250.00 |
| 12 | Replacement of I.D Card | 500.00 |
| 13 | Purchase of Academic Gown | 60,000.00 |
| 14 | Signing of Extral Copy of Thesis | 1,000.00 |
| | TOTAL RECEIPTS | 1,302,550.00 |
| | PAYMENTS | |
| 15 | Contractors/Suppliers | |
| | (i) Staff | |
| | (a) Refund | 9,079,652.50 |
| | (c) Advance | 8,264,556.00 |
| | (ii) Contractors/Suppliers | |
| | (a) DHL International Ltd. - Courier Services | 68,081.70 |
| | (b) Leah Eyagi Yisa - Refreshment | 1,006,150.00 |
| | (c) Nipost Niger - Courier Services | 358,801.88 |
| | (d) Goldskate Cardic Nig. Ltd - Supply | 5,048,571.42 |
| | TOTAL PAYMENTS | 23,825,813.50 |